



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1976

FLIGHT TESTS FOR AIR SAFETY

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A SPECIAL AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN DOING +ACROBATICS+ AROUND THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT -- ALL FOR THE CAUSE OF AIR SAFETY.

THE PLANE, A SABRE-LINER BELONGING TO THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA), HAS BEEN HERE TO CARRY OUT A PRE-ARRANGED FLIGHT PROGRAMME TO RECORD AND CALIBRATE THE ACCURACY OF HONG KONG'S VARIOUS GROUND NAVIGATIONAL AID SYSTEMS.

IT IS EQUIPPED WITH HIGHLY SPECIALISED AND SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE RECORDING AND ANALYSIS OF RADIO SIGNALS OF NAVIGATIONAL AIDS AND FOR EXACT POSITION DETERMINING PURPOSES, WHICH SOMETIMES REQUIRE THE PLANE TO TAKE STEEP CLIMBS, SUDDEN DIPS, OR MAINTAIN AN ULTRA STRAIGHT AND STEADY FLIGHT PATH.

MR. AU MAN-HO, ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY THAT REGULAR FLIGHT CHECKS WERE ESSENTIAL TO CONFIRM THE STABILITY OF SIGNALS PASSED TO AIRBORNE AIRCRAFT.

+EQUIPMENT PERFORMANCE LIMITS AND TOLERANCES ARE SET DOWN IN INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, WHICH ALSO PRESCRIBE THAT RADIO NAVIGATION AIDS TO INTERNATIONAL AIRCRAFT BE SUBJECTED TO PERIODIC GROUND AND FLIGHT CHECKS,+ HE SAID.

MR. AU POINTED OUT THAT SUCH FLIGHT CHECKS COULD ONLY BE CARRIED OUT BY SPECIALLY-EQUIPPED AIRCRAFT WITH A SPECIALLY TRAINED PILOT AND FLIGHT CREW.

+FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT HAS A CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PERIODIC AND SPECIAL FLIGHT CHECKING OF ALL THE DEPARTMENT'S NAVIGATION AID FACILITIES.

+THE FAA'S SABRE-LINER, BASED IN TOKYO, VISITS HONG KONG ONCE EVERY THREE MONTHS TO CHECK THE INSTRUMENTAL LANDING SYSTEM, DISTANCE MEASURING EQUIPMENT, THE PRECISION APPROACH RADAR, THE VISUAL APPROACH SLOPE INDICATOR, THE VHF OMNIDIRECTIONAL RADIO RANGE, NON-DIRECTIONAL RADIO BEACON, SURVEILLANCE RADAR AND VIDEO MAP OF RADAR.

+DURING THE FLIGHT CHECKS, THE RADIATION SIGNALS OF NAVIGATION AIDS ARE RECORDED BY THE AIRCRAFT FROM VARIOUS FLIGHT POSITIONS,+ HE SAID. +THE RECORDINGS ARE ANALYSED, AND IF THE RESULTS ARE SATISFACTORY, THE AID IS THEN CERTIFIED SERVICEABLE.+

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MR. AU POINTED OUT THAT A LOT OF CARE MUST BE TAKEN WHILE PLANNING THESE CHECK FLIGHTS TO AVOID DISRUPTING REGULAR AIR TRAFFIC.

+OUR NAVIGATION AIDS ARE SCATTERED ALL OVER THE AIRPORT, KOWLOON TSAI, MOUNT KELLET, CHEK KOK, TSING YI, TUNG LUNG ISLAND, CHEUNG CHAU, STONECUTTER'S ISLAND AND CAPE D'AGUILAR, AND BETWEEN THEM THEY PROVIDE ALL-WEATHER GUIDANCE TO ALL AIRCRAFT WITHIN SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES OF HONG KONG.

+A ROUTINE CHECK OF ALL THESE FACILITIES TAKES AN AVERAGE OF 20 HOURS' FLYING TIME, SPACED OUT OVER A PERIOD OF THREE OR FOUR DAYS,+ HE SAID.

MR. AU ADDED THAT THE PRESENT HIGH LEVEL OF AIR SAFETY HAS BEEN ATTAINED MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF HIGH STANDARDS FOR AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES.

+IT IS A CREDIT TO THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT THAT A VAST MAJORITY OF THE REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE FAA AFTER THE FLIGHT TESTS SHOW OUR NAVIGATION AIDS GIVE EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE HE SAID.

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ADVICE ON SAFE OPERATION OF MACHINES

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. DAVID LIN, TODAY URGED ALL OWNERS, OPERATORS, AND APPOINTED EXAMINERS OF AIR RECEIVER PLANTS TO EXERCISE CERTAIN PRECAUTIONS WHEN THEY OPERATE THEIR MACHINES SO THAT UNNECESSARY ACCIDENTS WOULD BE PREVENTED.

MR. LIN MADE THE CALL FOLLOWING THE REPORT OF A RECENT ACCIDENT IN WHICH AN AIR RECEIVER EXPLODED, KILLING ONE PERSON AND INJURING THREE OTHERS.

HE SAID: +THIS INCIDENT HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR A GREATER APPRECIATION OF THE HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH AIR RECEIVERS AND AIR COMPRESSORS AND I SINCERELY URGE ALL OWNERS, OPERATORS, AND APPOINTED EXAMINERS TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:-

1. THAT AIR RECEIVERS MUST NOT BE CHARGED WITH GASES, OTHER THAN AIR, IN PARTICULAR OXYGEN WHICH IS PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS=
2. THAT THE TEMPERATURE OF OUTLET AIR FROM AN AIR COMPRESSOR MUST BE WELL BELOW THE CLOSED FLASH POINT OF THE LUBRICATING OIL USED=
3. THAT THE OUTLET TEMPERATURE OF AIR DISCHARGING FROM A COMPRESSOR MUST NOT BE TOO HIGH (FOR LARGE PLANTS A WATER-COOLED COMPRESSOR MAY BE MORE SUITABLE THAN AN AIR-COOLED COMPRESSOR)=
4. THAT THE COMPRESSOR AIR INTAKE SHOULD BE SCREENED AND SITUATED IN A PLACE WHICH IS COOL AND FREE OF ALL CONTAMINANTS=
5. THAT THE CORRECT GRADE OF LUBRICATING OIL SHOULD BE USED IN A COMPRESSOR AND CARE TAKEN TO KEEP THE CONSUMPTION TO A MINIMUM=
6. THAT REGULAR EXAMINATION AND MAINTENANCE BE CARRIED OUT ON THE COMPRESSOR AND ITS VALVES, AIR RECEIVER AND ITS MOUNTINGS, AND THE INTER-CONNECTING PIPING BETWEEN THE COMPRESSOR AND AIR RECEIVER=
7. THAT FUSIBLE PLUGS, WALLS OF PIPES AND OTHER PARTS OF THE SYSTEM SHOULD BE FREE FROM CARBON DEPOSITS AND FUSIBLE PLUG DISCS BE RENEWED EVERY TWO YEARS= AND
8. THAT AIR RECEIVERS SHOULD BE LOCATED IN COOL AND WELL VENTILATED PLACES AND DRAINED REGULARLY.+

REFERRING TO THE RECENT ACCIDENT, MR. LIN SAID: +INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE AIR RECEIVER WAS USED FOR STARTING THE MAIN DIESEL ENGINE FITTED ON A MOBILE CRANE, AND THAT THE AIR RECEIVER AND COMPRESSOR HAD NOT BEEN REPAIRED OR ATTENDED TO SINCE THE OWNER ACQUIRED IT IN 1962.+

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+AFTER REPAIRS TO THE DIESEL ENGINE OF THE MOBILE CRANE, IT REFUSED TO START AND A CYLINDER CONTAINING OXYGEN WAS THEN INCORPORATED IN THE SYSTEM AND USED FOR STARTING PURPOSES. WHEN THE MACHINE WAS TURNED ON, THE ENGINE TICKED OVER AND A VIOLENT EXPLOSION FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY.+

EXPLAINING THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT, MR. LIN SAID: +BECAUSE THE COMPRESSOR PLANT HAD NOT BEEN ATTENDED TO, QUANTITIES OF OIL HAD ACCUMULATED IN THE SYSTEM. THIS OIL, IN COMBINATION WITH THE PURE OXYGEN USED FOR STARTING THE DIESEL ENGINE, FORMED AN EXTREMELY EXPLOSIVE AND POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS MIXTURE, VERY MUCH MORE POWERFUL THAN AN OIL/AIR MIXTURE CONTAINING ATMOSPHERIC NITROGEN WHICH NORMALLY ACTS AS A MODERATOR.

+THIS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS MIXTURE, IN ALL PROBABILITY, WAS IGNITED BY HOT GASES LEAKING THROUGH THE STARTING AIR VALVES.+

+THE NET RESULT,+ MR. LIN ADDED, +WAS THE RUPTURING OF THE AIR RECEIVER WITH DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES.+

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PUBLIC ENQUIRIES ON MTR

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A TOTAL OF 60,816 ENQUIRIES AND CASES ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WERE HANDLED BY THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT DURING THE PAST NINE MONTHS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THIS, HE SAID, REFLECTED GROWING PUBLIC INTEREST AND CONCERN OVER THIS HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED TRANSPORT SYSTEM.

+THE NATURE OF ENQUIRIES HANDLED RANGED FROM REQUESTS FOR FACTUAL INFORMATION SUCH AS ROUTES AND MAPS TO HIGHLY COMPLEX MATTERS SUCH AS ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR COMPENSATION FOR LOSSES INCURRED DUE TO THE MTR'S CONSTRUCTION WORKS,+ HE SAID.

+THE NUMBER OF SUCH COMPLICATED CASES DEALT WITH, SOMETIMES REACHED MORE THAN 80 A MONTH,+ HE SAID. +THE STRAIGHTFORWARD CASES AVERAGED SOME 6,700 A MONTH.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT A NUMBER OF THESE ENQUIRIES WERE MADE BY PHONE BUT THAT THERE WAS AN INCREASING NUMBER OF PEOPLE GOING IN PERSON TO THE 22 PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES SCATTERED ALL OVER HONG KONG.

+ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE IS GIVEN WHENEVER POSSIBLE,+ HE ADDED.

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REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES FOR G.C.E. EXAMINATIONS
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REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE CANDIDATES FOR THE GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON AND THE ASSOCIATED EXAMINING BOARD WILL BEGIN ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 12).

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE EXAMINATIONS, TO BE HELD IN JUNE 1977, WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM DISTRICT OFFICES AND SUB-OFFICES FROM WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 10).

CANDIDATES MUST POSSESS FIVE SUBJECTS AT GRADE E OR ABOVE ACCUMULATED IN TWO OR MORE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION OR EQUIVALENT EXAMINATIONS= OR FOUR SUBJECTS AT GRADE E OR ABOVE OBTAINED IN THE SAME CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION OR EQUIVALENT EXAMINATIONS= OR AN APPROVED ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATE= OR MUST BE MATURE STUDENTS OF 22 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER ON JANUARY 1, 1977.

THEY MAY ENTER ONLY ONE OF THE EXAMINATIONS. ANY CANDIDATE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER FOR BOTH EXAMINATIONS IS LIABLE TO DISQUALIFICATION FROM BOTH EXAMINATIONS.

COMPLETED FORMS, TOGETHER WITH EVIDENCE OF QUALIFICATIONS, MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON FROM NOVEMBER 12 TO NOVEMBER 22 FROM 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 8 A.M. TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS AT THE REGISTRATION CENTRE ON BLAKE PIER (ADJACENT TO THE NEW GENERAL POST OFFICE IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT).

FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSE, APPLICANTS SHOULD ALSO BRING THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS TO THE CENTRE. THE LACK OF IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING STANDARD PHOTOGRAPHS MAY DISQUALIFY AN APPLICANT FROM REGISTRATION.

APPLICANTS SHOULD NOTE THAT REGISTRATION BY MAIL AND LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. IN ADDITION, THEY SHOULD SUBMIT THE ENTRY FORMS AT THEIR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO AVOID POSSIBLE CONGESTION ON THE LAST FEW DAYS OF REGISTRATION.

THE INITIAL ENTRY FEE PER CANDIDATE IS \$55. THE FEE FOR EVERY SUBJECT OFFERED AT ORDINARY LEVEL IS \$50 AND AT ADVANCED LEVEL \$90. CANDIDATES OFFERING PRACTICAL TEST WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$40 FOR EACH TEST.

THESE FEES MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 25 AT THE TREASURY SUB-OFFICES. THEY MAY ALSO BE PAID BY CROSSED CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND SENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES, THE TREASURY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, HONG KONG.

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EVENING COURSES AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES

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THE MORRISON HILL AND KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE JOINTLY INVITING APPLICANTS FOR A NUMBER OF EVENING COURSES WHICH ARE DUE TO BEGIN IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

COURSES IN AUDIO-TYPING, BUSINESS MACHINES, PITMAN'S SHORTHAND THEORY AND VARIOUS LEVELS OF PITMAN'S SHORTHAND WILL BE RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL STUDIES OF THE TWO INSTITUTES.

IN ADDITION, COURSES IN INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED TYPEWRITING WILL BE OFFERED BY THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

ALL THE COURSES WILL LAST FROM MID-JANUARY TO MAY 1977 AND FEES RANGE FROM \$60 TO \$100.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 6, OI KWAN ROAD, WANCHAI AND FROM THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN HING SHING ROAD FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. AND 7 P.M. TO 8 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE INSTITUTE CONCERNED ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 20, 1976.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HAPPY VALLEY AREA WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS DAILY FROM TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 9) TO FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 12) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED HOURS ARE FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE NO. 40 TO 50 STUBBS ROAD AND NO. 4 TO 14 WONG NEI CHUNG GAP ROAD, INCLUDING THE HONG KONG ADVENTIST HOSPITAL.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN YUEN LONG AND SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 9). THIS IS TO FACILITATE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE WATERWORKS IN THESE AREAS.

IN YUEN LONG, ALL PREMISES AND VILLAGES ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN AU TAU CROSS ROAD AND SAN TIN WILL BE AFFECTED.

IN SAI KUNG, THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE SAI KUNG TOWN, MAN YUE SUN CHUEN, SHA TSUI SUN CHUEN, TAN CHEUNG, KAP PIN LONG, SHA KOK MEI, LONG MEI, MUK MIN SHAN AND THE AREA ALONG PO TUNG ROAD.

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LEARNER DRIVER PROHIBITIONS IN KOWLOON TONG

LEARNER DRIVERS UNDERGOING DRIVING INSTRUCTION WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE THE WHOLE OF KENT ROAD AND A SECTION OF SOMERSET ROAD, BETWEEN DEVON ROAD AND KENT ROAD, IN KOWLOON TONG, FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 9).

THE RESTRICTION IS AIMED AT FACILITATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KOWLOON TONG MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE LEARNER DRIVERS.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE AT
SAP PAT HEUNG

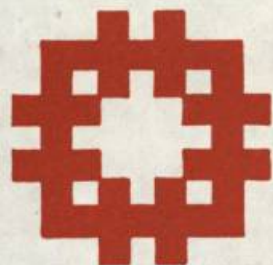
A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT SAP PAT HEUNG RURAL COMMITTEE FOR RESIDENTS AND PERSONS LIVING NEARBY FOR THREE DAYS FROM NOVEMBER 15 (MONDAY).

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN OR WARDS OF 11 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DAILY.

ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY 香港房屋委員會

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FIFTY-SEVENTH ESTATE READY FOR INTAKE NEXT MONTH

Lai Yiu Estate in Kwai Chung/Tsuen Wan will start taking in tenants before Christmas.

This will be the Housing Authority's 57th estate, and the fourth estate/extension taken over during 1976 for letting, the others being Hing Wah II, Kwai Shing II/III and Lai King.

Lai Yiu Estate occupies a 21-acre site on a terraced hillside off Castle Peak Road and commands a panoramic view of Tsuen Wan, Kwai Chung and Tsing Yi Island.

Because of the nature of the site, the four domestic blocks forming the estate are built on different levels.

Initially, one twin-tower block of 730 flats will be available for letting in December to be followed by a similar block in January, a third in February and the fourth in the second half of next year.

A spokesman for the Housing Department's Application Section said that a number of flats would be available to waiting list applicants and some to tenants of the older estates who had applied for relief of overcrowding.

"Investigation of eligible waiting list applicants has already been carried out and offer letters will be sent out next month," the spokesman said.

Construction of Lai Yiu Estate was carried out in three phases which started in 1973.

Phase I included the building of two twin-tower blocks, a podium with a Z-shaped building on top and a three-storey car park underneath. The Z-shaped block has a number of shops on the ground floor, two restaurants on the first floor with dormitory accommodation on the top floor.

The phase II work included a third twin-tower block and two primary schools while the last phase comprised a slab block and a secondary school.

Workmen are now putting the finishing touches to Phases I and II while Phase III, now under construction, is expected to be completed by mid-1977.

On full completion, the estate will have 2,411 flats of varying sizes - ranging from 356 square feet to the two-bedroom type of 591 square feet.

Lai Yiu Estate will be fully self-contained with its own market, shops, restaurants and schools. A road is now being built to link the estate with Kwai Chung Road while at the same time discussions are being held with the Kowloon Motor Bus Company for a route leading to the urban areas.

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